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**Nevada DOE Hearings**

Interested citizens of Nevada, I am here to thank you and to challenge you.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come here to express your views on the Department of Energy's plan to bring high-level nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain.

I challenge you not to give up. Together we will fight to stop the shipment of nuclear waste and its disposal in Nevada.

We are at a very critical time in the history of the Yucca Mountain project. The Department of energy is currently taking public comment on it's preliminary site suitability evaluation and plans to make a site recommendation early next year.

In light of current events and the new world in which we live we must continue to rally against Yucca Mountain.

As you all know this process is flawed:

We do not have a Final Environmental Impact Statement

We do not have finalized Nuclear Regulatory and Department of Energy siting regulations.

In the coming weeks and months the fight over Yucca Mountain will necessarily focus on the issue of nuclear waste and transportation.

I urge you and others who oppose Yucca Mountain to take up the grave challenge of protecting American from the unsafe shipment of deadly radioactive waste.

It is not necessary.

It has not been proven safe.

It would be vulnerable to terrorist attack.

It is a very bad idea.

For those of you who are here today, thank you again for your hard work in protecting the public health and our fragile environment.